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Conclusion of Professor Alexander's Article.

ROYAL ABUSES OF TWENTY YEARS.

The Kalakaua Opium Bribe-Reform League and Great Mass Meeting. Constitution of 1887-Final Settlement of the Aki Case.

The facts of this case were stated in the affidavit of Aki, published May 31, 1887, and those of Wong Leong, J. S. Walker and Nahora Hipa, published June 28, 1887, as well as in the decision of Judge Preston in the case of Loo Ngawk et al., executors of the will of T. Aki vs. A. J. Cartwright et al., trustees of the king (Haw. Rep., Vol. vii., p. 401). Vol. vii., p. 401).

Vol. vii., p. 401).

I have already spoken of the opium license law, which was carried by the royalist party in the Legislature of 1886, and signed by the king in spite of the most vigorous protests from all classes of the community. As this law had been saddled with amendments, which rendered it nearly unworkable, a set of regulations was published October 15, 1886, providing published October 15, 1886, providing for the issue of permits to purchase or use opium by the Marshal, who was to retain half the fee and the Government the other half.

The main facts of the case, as proved before the court, are as follows: Early 'in November, 1886, one Junius Kaae, a palace parasite, informed a Chinese rice-planter named Tong Kee, alias Aki, that he could have the opium a way as to secure two principal oblicense granted to him if he would jects, viz, to put an end to autocratic pay the sum of \$60,000 to the king's private purse, but that he must be in haste because other parties were bidding for the privilege. With some difficulty Aki raised the money, and secretly paid it to Kaae and the king in three installments between December 3 and December 8, 1886. Soon afterwards Kaae called on Aki and it, unless Aki paid \$15,000 more. Ac- no acts of violence or revenge tar-cordingly Aki borrowed the amount nished the revolution of 1887. and gave it to the king personally on

Shortly after this another Chinese syndicate, headed by Chung Lung, paid the king \$80,000 for the same obmoney. Thereupon Aki, finding that he had lost both his money and his license, divulged the whole affair, which was published in the Honolulu papers. He stopped the payment of a note at the bank for \$4000, making his loss \$71,000. Meanwhile Junius Kaae was appointed to the responsible office of registrar of conveyances, which had became vacant by the death of the lamented Thomas Brown. As was afterwards ascertained, the

King ordered a \$100,000 gunboat from England, through Mr. G. W. Macfarlane, but the negotiations for it were broken off by the revolution.

On the 12th of April, 1887, Queen Kapiolani and the Princess Liliuokalani aggregation by Masses C. lani accompanied by Messrs. C. P. Iaukea, J. H. Boyd, and J. O. Dominis, left for England to attend the celebration of the jubilee held upon the fiftieth anniversary of the accession of Her Majesty Queen Victoria. They returned on the 26th of

July, 1887. THE REFORM LEAGUE.

The exposure of the two opium bribes and the appointment of the King's accomplice in the crime as registrar of conveyances helped to bring matters to a crisis, and united system of government under which such iniquities could be perpetrated. In the spring of 1887 a secret league had been formed in Honolulu, with branches on the other islands, for the purpose of putting an end to the prevailing misrule and extravagance, and of establishing a civilized governmen't, responsible to the people through their representatives. Arms were imported, and rifle clubs sprang Judge Preston decided that the plea of a volunteer organization known as between Aki and the King was illegal the "Rifles" was increased in numbers, and brought to a high state of efficiency under the command of Col. V. V. Ashford. It is supposed that to account in any court of the Kingthe league now numbered from 800 to dom." Furthermore, as the claimants 1,000 men, while its objects had the had agreed to forbear presenting their sympathy of the great majority of the claim before the Legislature in concommunity. It was at first expected that monarchy would then be abolished, and a republican constitution was drawn up.
As the time for action approached,

the resident citizens of the United States, Great Britain, and Germany addressed memorials to their respective governments, through their representatives, declaring the conditions of affairs to be intolerable. As is the case in all such movements, the league was composed of average men, actuated by a variety of motives, but all agreed in their main object. Fortunately, the "spoils wing" of the party failed eventually to capture either branch of the Government, upon which a number of them joined the old Gibsonian party and became bitter enemies of reform.

THE GREAT REFORM MEETING. Some members of the league, in- 60 cents.

cluding Col. Ashford, were in favor of a sudden attack upon the Palace, but this advice was overruled, and it was decided to first hold a public mass meeting to state their grievances and to present specific demands to the King. Accordingly, on the afternoon of the 30th of June, 1887, all business in Honolulu was suspended, and an immense meeting was held in the armory, on Beretana street, composed of all classes, creeds, and nationalities, but united in sentiment as never before or since. The meeting was guarded by a battalion of the Rifles fully armed. A set of resolutions was passed unamiously declaring that the Government had "ceased through incompetency and corruption to perform the functions and to afford the protection to personal and property rights for which all governments exist," and demanding of the King the dismissal of his cabinet, the restitution of the \$71,000 received as a bribe from Aki, the dismissal of Junius Kaae from the land of office, and a pledge that the King would no longer interfere in politics.

A committee of thirteen was sent to

A committee of thirteen was sent to wait on His Majesty with these demands. His troops had mostly deserted him, and the native populace seemed quite indifferent to his fate. He called in the representatives of the United States, Great Britain, France, and Portugal, to whom he offered to transfer his powers as King. This they refused, but advised him to lose no time in forming a new cabinet and signing a new constitution. Acand signing a new constitution. Accordingly he sent a written reply the next day, which virtually conceded every point demanded. The new cabinet, consisting of Godfrey Brown, Minister of Foreign Affairs; L. A. Thurston, Minister of the Interior;

was sworn in on the same day, July 1. THE CONSTITUTION OF 1887.

W. L. Green, Minister of Finance,

and C. W. Ashford, Astorney-General,

As the King had yielded the republican constitution was dropped, and the constitution of 1864 revised in such from naturalization. I have given

the details in another paper. Mr. Gibson was arrested July 1, but was allowed to leave on the 5th by a informed him that one Kwong Sam | sailing vessel for San Francisco. Kee had offered the king \$75,000 for Threats of lynching had been made by the license, and would certainly get | some young hot heads, but fortunately

An election for members of the Legislature was ordered to be held September 12, and regulations were issued by the new ministry, which did away with many abuses, and seject, but took the precaution to secure | cured the fairest election that had the license before handing over the been held in the islands for twenty years. The result was an overwhelming victory for the Reform party, which was a virtual ratification of the new constitution. During the next three years, in spite of the bitter hostility and intrigues of the King, the continual agitation by demagogues, and repeated conspiracies, the country prospered under the most efficient ad-

> CASE. It has been seen that on the 30th of June, 1887, Kalakaua promised in writing that he would "cause restitu-tion to be made" of the \$71,000 which he had obtained from Aki, under a promise that he (Aki) should receive the license to sell opium, as provided

ministration that it has ever known.

FINAL SETTLEMENT OF THE AKI

by the Act of 1886. The Reform cabinet urged the King to settle this claim before the meeting of the Legislature, and it was arranged that the revenues from the Crown lands should be appropriated to that object. When, however, they ascertained that his debts amounted to more than \$250,000 they advised the King to make an assignment in trust for the payment of all claims pro rata. Accordingly, a trust deed was executed November 21, 1887, assigning all nearly all taxpayers not merely the Crown land revenues and most of against the king but against the King's private estate to three the King's private estate to three trustees for the said purpose, on condition that the complainant would bring no petition or bills before the

Legislature, then in session. Some three months later these trustees refused to approve or pay the Aki claim, on which Aki's executors brought suit against them in the Su-

preme Court. After a full hearing of the evidence, p all over the islands. In Honolulu the defendants that the transaction could not be entertained, as by the constitution the King "could do no wrong," and "can not be sued or held sideration of the execution of the trust deed, the full court ordered their claim to be paid pro rata with the other approved claims.

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